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In re Application of

Shigeharu TAIRA : Patent Art Unit: 2856

Serial No. 10/501,553 : Examiner: Paul M. West

Filed: July 16, 2004

For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING

REUSABILITY OF REFRIGERANT USING: EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT LINES: AND REUSABILITY CHECK TOOL FOR: REFRIGERANT USING EQUIPMENT OR: REFRIGERANT LINES (As Amended):

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

[X] No additional fee is required.

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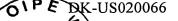
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the June 30, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1-9 are pending, with claims 1, 8 and 9 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Appl. No. 10/501,553 Amendment dated September 20, 2005 Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following rewritten version:

METHOD FOR DETERMINING REUSABILITY RECYCLABILITY OF REFRIGERANT

<u>USING EQUIPMENT</u> - USE EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT <u>LINES</u> PIPING, AND

<u>REUSABILITY CHECK TOOL FOR REFRIGERANT USING EQUIPMENT CHECK</u>

<u>TOOL FOR RECYCLABILITY OF REFRIGERANT USE EQUIPMENT</u> OR

REFRIGERANT <u>PIPING</u> <u>LINES</u>